

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### RESTRAINING EXCESSIVE SEIZURE OF PROPERTY THROUGH THE EXPLOITATION OF CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE TOOLS ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. DOUG COLLINS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 20, 2016*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5523, the Clyde-Hirsch-Sowers RESPECT Act. I am a proud cosponsor of this critically important bill because it addresses a major problem in current law—a problem that has directly affected at least one of my constituents in Northeast Georgia.

In fact, this bill is named after that constituent: Andrew Clyde. Andrew is a good, hardworking man, who is unfortunately all too familiar with the issue we're talking about today. Andrew owns Clyde Armory in Athens, Georgia. This is a legal, successful, firearms business, but it was targeted by the IRS under civil asset forfeiture laws.

Andrew is a combat veteran who grew this business in his community. He followed the law, paid his taxes on time, filed all the right paperwork—but that didn't stop several hundred thousand dollars from being seized from his business.

I think Andrew summed it up best when he testified before the Ways and Means Committee about this same issue: "I did not serve three combat tours in Iraq only to come home and be extorted."

What he doesn't say there—he was being extorted by his own government.

In April of 2013, two IRS agents simply showed up at Clyde Armory, and served Andrew with a seizure warrant letting him know that his business bank account had been nearly drained. He was not aware of any laws he may have broken, unintentionally or not, and had practices in place to ensure his business was fully compliant with all laws.

Over the course of a few months, the case wound up in federal court. After legal fees and the eventual surrender of \$50,000 to the IRS to end the matter, nearly \$150,000 had been carved out of the \$950,000 seizure.

Despite the fact that Andrew is a law-abiding citizen, the government was able to swoop in in the middle of the night and take private property absent evidence of wrongdoing and due process. That is why I have worked so hard on this issue—to prevent this kind of federal intrusion of the worst form.

H.R. 5523 would help to address this problem. It would prohibit the IRS from using civil asset forfeiture authority in structuring cases—the type of case under which Andrew was targeted—unless it can demonstrate probable cause that the funds were connected to criminal activity. Under H.R. 5523, the IRS must also establish notice and post-seizure review procedures for seizures based on structuring violations.

This bill is a step in the right direction, and a step towards preventing future wrongful seizures like the one that happened to Andrew Clyde. I thank Congressman ROSKAM for introducing this important legislation on behalf of Andrew Clyde and other victims of wrongful civil asset forfeiture, and I encourage all of my colleagues to support its passage.

### EMPOWERING EMPLOYEES THROUGH STOCK OWNERSHIP ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. JARED POLIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 22, 2016*

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Rep. PAULSEN and Rep. CROWLEY for bringing H.R. 5719, the Empowering Employees through Stock Ownership Act, to the floor. This is important legislation that will help start-ups attract and retain employees by allowing employees to obtain an ownership stake in those companies without facing cost-prohibitive tax bills.

Often, privately held start-ups provide employees stock ownership options as part of their compensation package. Under current law, employees that receive company shares as part of their compensation package must pay the taxes on the value of those shares taxes immediately, long before the employees realize the economic benefit of those shares.

This bill would allow employees to defer the tax on stock shares that companies provide employees as part of their compensation package for seven years or until the company can sell their stock on publically traded exchanges. Additionally, it would increase access to company equity for lower-wage earners.

Studies have shown that closely held companies that combine employee ownership with employee workplace participation programs have a positive impact on employee productivity and improve overall company performance.

Employees working for businesses in my district such as Neighborland and hobbyDB—both located in Boulder—have expressed their support for this bill and will be able to take advantage of its tax benefits.

Other types of employee-ownership models have helped businesses have a higher growth rate and stay in business. Employee-ownership models are good for the company, the employees, and the community.

In Colorado, there are approximately 118 businesses that use employee-owned businesses that promote employee ownership through stock option plans or ESOPs.

A good example of a successful ESOP is Fire Safety Services. The owner, Jeff wanted to be able to offer his employees a stake in the business and converted his business to an ESOP. This allowed him to create a succession plan so the business can remain locally

owned. Jeff noted that after the conversion, employee morale was up and sales were up.

The New Belgium Brewery, located in Ft. Collins is also an ESOP. From the perspective of the employees, New Belgium has a culture of personal and collective growth—the employees are concerned about the professional growth of their colleagues and also have a vested stake in the management and economic health of the company.

The bill before us will make it easier for employees in other privately-held companies to participate in the growth of their company.

### HONORING FIRST LIEUTENANT JEFFREY D. COOPER

**HON. SUZAN K. DeBENE**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Ms. DeBENE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor First Lieutenant Jeffrey D. Cooper from Mill Creek, Washington.

Lieutenant Cooper died on September 10, 2016, while serving in Kuwait. He was serving in support of Operation Inherent Resolve, a part of the fight against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). Lieutenant Cooper was just 25 years old.

He joined the Army in June 2013 and had been assigned at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, since July 2015.

Lieutenant Cooper was an infantry officer assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division.

His awards and decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the Army Service Ribbon.

While no words can hope to ease the pain and grief of his loss, my heart goes out to Lieutenant Cooper's parents—Master Sergeant Douglas Cooper and Diane Cooper—and all his loved ones. This was a tragic loss of a brave young man who was ready and willing to give his life for our great nation. Our country mourns with you.

Let us take a moment of silence to honor his life and service.

### THE 105TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)

**HON. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, on October 10, the people of Taiwan celebrate the 105th anniversary of the founding of the Republic of China (Taiwan). As we approach this important day, we

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should take the time to commemorate Taiwan, an important economic partner and vital ally in Asia.

This past year, the world witnessed Taiwan's third peaceful transition to power as the first woman was elected in Taiwan. The 23 million people on the island represent the only democracy in the Chinese speaking world. Taiwan has been a reliable partner in East Asia. According to the U.S. Dept. of Commerce, U.S. trade in goods with Taiwan reached US\$ 66 billion last year. For a population of only 23 million, Taiwan has become the United States' 9th largest trading partner in 2015. Also, Taiwan is the state of New York's 6th largest export market in Asia.

On Taiwan's National Day, we reaffirm the strength of the U.S.-Taiwan relationship and the United States commitment to the Taiwan Relations Act. It is an honor and privilege to support our friend and partner Taiwan and highlight the bonds that connect us.

#### RECOGNIZING TABLE TO TABLE'S EFFORTS DURING FOOD RESCUE AWARENESS WEEK

**HON. DAVID LOEBSACK**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Mr. LOEBSACK. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize the wonderful work of Table to Table during Food Rescue Awareness Week, which is being held September 24th through 30th. For the last twenty years, Table to Table has been committed to collecting nutritional, high-quality food from donors and distributing it through food establishments, food pantries, meal sites, and shelters to those who need it most in Johnson County.

I grew up in poverty, and I know firsthand what it is like to worry about where my next meal might come from. Growing up, my single mom relied on food stamps at times in order to be able to feed my brothers, sister and me. I strongly believe that no Iowa child or family should go to bed hungry or have to wonder how they will afford their next meal.

Hunger unfortunately continues to be a major problem in America and for many Iowa families. In Johnson County, one in seven residents relies on nutritional assistance in some way. That is why I am so grateful for Table to Table's efforts to fight food insecurity. Founded in 1996, Table to Table was the first food rescue charity in Iowa. Since then, Table to Table has provided the equivalent of 12.5 million meals consisting of food that would otherwise have been wasted and deposited in the landfill. This great organization has over 100 regular volunteers, collects from over 40 donation sites, and delivers to 36 agency sites.

On behalf of all of my constituents, I would like to thank Bob Andriak, Executive Director of Table to Table, for his years of service, and Table to Table for providing quality nutrition for those who need it. I know I join my colleagues, friends, and fellow Iowans in wishing Table to Table the best of success during this year's Food Rescue Awareness Week and urging folks who can to contribute food or volunteer.

#### HONORING METRO TRANSIT SYSTEM OF THE YEAR

**HON. KEITH ELLISON**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Metro Transit on being named Transit System of the Year. This year, Metro Transit served nearly 86 million riders while offering excellent and reliable service.

The American Public Transportation Association's Outstanding Public Transportation System Achievement Award reflects accomplishments made between 2013 and 2015. During this time, Metro Transit increased ridership, expanded access, improved sustainability practices, and increased overall success in system safety. Metro Transit was singled out among all North America agencies that provide more than 20 million annual passenger trips.

Metro Transit plays a vital role in the Twin Cities by providing clean, safe, reliable, and affordable transportation service every day to thousands of commuters, residents, workers, and visitors. In 2015, Metro Transit had its highest ridership in 30 years, with total annual rides of over 85 million. Metro Transit's commitment to sustainability through its transition to lower emission vehicles benefits everyone in the region, whether they use transit or not. Metro Transit not only makes transportation more accessible to workers, it also employs over 3,100 people in the Twin Cities.

I am pleased to say that Metro Transit contributes to the quality of life and preserves the livability of the Twin Cities by mitigating traffic impacts, providing easier access to local businesses, reducing air pollution, and improving circulation throughout the cities.

On behalf of the residents of Minnesota's 5th Congressional District, I congratulate the entire Metro Transit System, its employees, and its Board of Directors, for their efforts and significant contributions to the Greater Minneapolis Area, and for their nationally recognized achievements in providing the highest quality transit service.

#### CHIPPEWA NATIONAL FOREST RISES TO THE FUTURE

**HON. RICHARD M. NOLAN**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Mr. NOLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the dedicated natural resource management professionals at the Chippewa National Forest for their excellent work on the replacement of the Knutson Dam at the outlet of Cass Lake to the Mississippi River.

Staff at the national forest and their community partners earned the "Rise to the Future" award, one of the U.S. Forest Service's most prestigious awards, for their utilization of a design called Rock Arch Rapids, which allows aquatic wildlife to travel freely between Cass Lake and the Upper Mississippi river. Before the construction of Rock Arch Rapids, the Knutson Dam, a logging dam built in the early 1900's, blocked the passage of fish between Cass Lake and the Mississippi river. Further-

more the dam was at the end of its usable life and required more and more costly repairs each year.

The complete replacement of the dilapidated logging dam was a collaboration between Chippewa National Forest, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council, Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership and Ottertail Power Company. The new Rock Arch Rapids not only improves access to Cass Lake for aquatic life but also access to the lake by outdoor enthusiasts, and minimizes erosion of Cass Lake's shoreline to preserve the beautiful campgrounds, trails and beaches of the Chippewa National Forest for years to come.

Please join me in congratulating the staff at Chippewa National Forest and their community partners for their prestigious achievement.

#### TRIBUTE TO HENDRICKS COUNTY, INDIANA

**HON. TODD ROKITA**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute Hendricks County, Indiana, as the Indiana Bicentennial Torch is scheduled to pass through the county on Friday, September 23, 2016.

The county sits on the southern part of Indiana's Fourth Congressional District. It was named for Indiana Governor William Hendricks, who was serving at the time the county was formed in 1824. The county seat is located in Danville, which happens to be the location of my primary district office. Hendricks County is recognized as a logistics and transportation hub in Indiana and for the many motorsports companies that are headquartered there.

In this year of the Hoosier Bicentennial, communities throughout the state are celebrating Indiana's past and present through Bicentennial Legacy Projects. These projects are generally, culturally inclusive, celebratory, engaging and inspiring to youth and young adults and create a legacy for the future. The organizations responsible for the twenty-five Legacy Projects throughout the county are: Avon-Washington Township Public Library, Cascade Middle School, The Porch, Brownsburg Educational Foundation, Rotary Club of Plainfield, Indiana, Plainfield Chamber of Commerce, Hendricks County Parks and Recreation, First Baptist Church of Amo, B&O Trail Association, Inc., Montrose Farms, Danville Rotary Club, Friends of Hendricks County Museum, the Town of Avon, the Town of Brownsburg, RAHC Committee, Avon Community Heritage Festival Board, Wa-Pe-Ke-Way Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Brownsburg Chamber of Commerce, Scrapbasket Quilt Guild of Brownsburg, K-Kids Club of Danville South Elementary School, Greater Danville Chamber of Commerce and Animalia, Inc. Hoosiers look forward to their enduring contribution to our state's legacy.

And on this day, Mr. Speaker, in the year in which we are celebrating Indiana's 200th birthday, I am proud to recognize Hendricks County for the contribution of its residents to the past, present and future of Indiana's history.

HONORING SERGEANT PATRICIA  
ORISINI

**HON. PETER J. ROSKAM**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sergeant Patricia A. Orisini for her life of service to our country and her strong leadership of the Wounded Warrior Program. As the Program's first director, Sergeant Orisini took a new idea and transformed it into a life-changing opportunity for our nation's veterans.

Sergeant Orisini joined the United States Marine Corps in 1975. After 24 years of active duty and a combined three decades of service, she obtained the highest grade of an enlisted Marine—the rank of Master Gunnery Sergeant. She has represented our men and women in uniform through her work with the Department of Veterans Affairs and with the American Legion. Re-called to active duty during Operation Iraqi Freedom, she built and managed a “medical hold” program designed to assist injured reservists.

Sergeant Orisini's experience culminated with her outstanding guidance of the Wounded Warrior Program. After joining the Program only eight years ago, she retires having helped 182 wounded and disabled veterans become Wounded Warrior Fellows, over 100 of who have either returned to college or become full time employees with a Congressional office and other government agencies.

Sergeant Orisini, who earned her bachelor's degree by studying in the evenings while on active duty, holds affiliations with the Foreign Joint Services NCO Association, Disabled American Veterans, Women Marines Association, Marine Corps League and the National Italian American Foundation. Through her hard work and visionary leadership, she is a model American and public servant.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing this special occasion as we celebrate the life and career of Sergeant Patricia A. Orisini and her faithful service to our country.

RECOGNIZING BLACK POETRY DAY

**HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize Black Poetry Day which is celebrated on October 17th. Jupiter Hammon, a slave and poet who was born in my home state of New York on this day in 1711, was the first African American writer whose work was published in the United States.

First recognized in 1985, we celebrate Black Poetry Day to honor past and present poets such as Langston Hughes, Phillis Wheatley, Frank X. Walker and Maya Angelou. The works of these and many more authors provide our students insight into both poetry and United States history.

While not officially recognized as a holiday, SUNY Plattsburgh recognizes Black Poetry Day each year with a ceremony and a guest speaker. This event gives credence to the hard work and dedication of African Americans

who have overcome adversity to express themselves through poetry.

Thank you to SUNY Plattsburgh for your commitment to honoring this day by hosting events in celebration year after year. I want to wish you great success at this year's event.

TAIWAN NATIONAL DAY

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, October 10 is Taiwan's national day—also known as Double Ten Day. The United States and Taiwan have a strong relationship. Taiwan is a good friend and ally. I congratulate Taiwan on its national day.

We also need to be standing by Taiwan and supporting its efforts to be a responsible member of the international community. The International Civil Aviation Organization or “ICAO” is a UN agency to ensure the safety of planes that fly around the world. But even though it is less than a week away, there has been no indication that Taiwan will be able to participate in ICAO's 39th Triennial Assembly on September 27. Three years ago, Taiwan was invited by the then-ICAO Council President to attend as a guest, but that invitation was no guarantee that Taiwan could keep attending. Congress passed a law three years ago encouraging ICAO to give Taiwan observer status. Giving Taiwan such status would contribute to the success of ICAO's mission to address aviation security threats through effective international cooperation.

As our 9th-largest trading partner in 2015, Taiwan's participation in the Trans-Pacific Partnership is a no-brainer. It would boost our trade relationship with Taiwan and would make the overall impact of TPP even better for Americans. To provide greater protection for investors in both countries, we should also work on completing a Bilateral Investment Agreement with Taiwan. In all, trade is an important part of our relationship with Taiwan and I hope my colleagues will join me in advocating for these steps.

Again, I wish the people of Taiwan a Happy Double Ten Day. And that's just the way it is.

IN RECOGNITION OF TAIWAN ON  
THEIR 105TH NATIONAL DAY

**HON. JOE BARTON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Mr. BARTON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the people of Taiwan on their 105th National Day, which is October 10th, and take a moment to emphasize the significance of the U.S.-Taiwan relationship to both of our nations.

Taiwan is a faithful friend of the United States and an important strategic partner, promoting peace and stability in the region through our shared values of democracy and respect for human rights. Our economic ties continue to expand to our mutual benefit.

On this National Day, I also want to highlight the importance of the Taiwan Relations

Act of 1979, which serves as the basis for our relationship. I am proud to say that the United States continues to build relations with Taiwan.

I am honored to travel to Taiwan on this joyous occasion and congratulate our ally. I look forward to the continuation of friendship and cooperation between the governments and citizens of the United States and Taiwan.

HONORING ART IBLETO

**HON. MIKE THOMPSON**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Art Ibleto's lifetime of achievements and generous service to our community upon his 90th birthday.

Mr. Ibleto was born in the town of Sesta Godano in Northern Italy on October 2, 1926. As a young man, he fought with resistance groups against Fascism and Nazi Germany.

After valiantly serving his home country, Mr. Ibleto immigrated to the United States and decided to settle in Sonoma County in 1949 calling it “one of the most beautiful places on earth.” He began working in Sonoma's fields as a vegetable picker, mechanic and truck driver, and soon fell in love with Vicki Ghiradelli whom he married in 1951. The couple soon began to live their own American Dream and bought their first home together in 1961. They developed their own farm soon thereafter to raise hogs, cattle, and potatoes. They later added a Christmas tree farm, a vineyard and real estate on their property.

Mr. Ibleto founded the Spaghetti Palace at the Sonoma County Fair as a United Lodges, Sons of Italy project in 1974. What began as a project soon became an institutional landmark. The success of his Spaghetti Palace inspired Mr. Ibleto to pursue a career of supplying locals with his own line of Italian cuisine and catering inspired by traditional Italian methods. Today, Art's booming business is well known throughout California and local residents affectionately refer to him as the “Pasta King.”

Art is a cook, grape grower, winemaker and a constant source of pride for our community in Sonoma County. In the last few years, Mr. Ibleto's charity pasta feeds have raised over \$500,000 to support a wide range of causes from local animal shelters to survivors of a terrible Highway 101 accident.

Mr. Speaker, Art Ibleto has not only led a successful career in agriculture, but he has become a culinary and community leader of legendary proportions. He is a true friend of our community and a good friend of mine. Mr. Ibleto's work and philanthropy have left an indelible mark on Sonoma County and California, and it is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. EARL L. “BUDDY” CARTER**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, September 22, 2016, I was absent

due to personal reasons and missed votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows:

Roll Call Number 553 on agreeing to Amendment No. 5 offered by Rep. ENGEL—Nay.

Roll Call Number 554 passage of H.R. 5719—Aye.

Roll Call Number 555 passage of H.R. 5037—Aye.

Roll Call Number 556 passage of H.R. 5798—Aye.

#### TRIBUTE TO PUTNAM COUNTY, INDIANA

### HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute Putnam County, Indiana, as the Indiana Bicentennial Torch is scheduled to pass through the county on Thursday, September 22, 2016.

The county sits on the southwestern edge of Indiana's Fourth Congressional District. It was named in honor of Israel Putnam, a hero in the French and Indian War and a general during the American Revolutionary War. The county was formed on April 1, 1822 from Owen and Vigo Counties and parts of the Wabash New Purchase. The county seat is located in Greencastle, home of DePauw University. The county is famous for the many surviving covered bridges that remain from a bygone era.

In this year of the Hoosier Bicentennial, communities throughout the state are celebrating Indiana's past and present through Bicentennial Legacy Projects. These projects are generally, culturally inclusive, celebratory, engaging and inspiring to youth and young adults and create a legacy for the future. The organizations responsible for the ten Legacy Projects throughout the county are: the Heritage Preservation Society of Putnam County, the Town of Bainbridge, DNR Nature Preserves, DNR Division of Fish and Wildlife, DePauw University, the Putnam County Bicentennial Celebrations Planning Group, and National Road Heritage Trail, Inc. Hoosiers look forward to their enduring contribution to our state's legacy.

And on this day, Mr. Speaker, in the year in which we are celebrating Indiana's 200th birthday, I am proud to recognize Putnam County for the contribution of its residents to the past, present and future of Indiana's history.

#### A CAREER SPENT CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP

### HON. RICHARD M. NOLAN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Mr. NOLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Stephanie Heilig of Duluth, Minnesota for her 41 years of service within the Duluth School District going above and beyond to create a positive learning environment for all students. I want to wish Stephanie the best as she celebrates her much deserved retirement.

While Principal of Myers-Wilkins Elementary, where a majority of students come from households with incomes below the poverty line, Principal Heilig worked tirelessly to engage families and give students the resources they need to learn. As students, teachers, administrators, and principals begin a new school year, one of the biggest issues facing schools is an achievement gap between students from different demographic groups. However, at Myers-Wilkins Elementary Principal Heilig's efforts created an environment where all students, regardless of their background, had an equal opportunity to learn.

She was very passionate about fostering a collaboration between the school and the community it serves by setting up after-school programs such as "family nights." During school she would use every available opportunity to give books to students while encouraging them to read. Additionally, she made a point to spend time in the halls of Myers-Wilkins talking to students to learn about their lives outside of school, their struggles and their achievements.

Thank you Stephanie for your 41 years of dedicated service and for going above and beyond what was required to give all students the best possible environment to learn. Please join me in wishing Stephanie Heilig the absolute best in her retirement.

#### CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE SYLVANIA SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS

### HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a momentous occasion in the life of the Sylvania congregation of the Sisters of St. Francis. The Sylvania Sisters of St. Francis are celebrating their centennial year in 2016 and Saturday September 24, 2016, the Sisters and our community came together in a centennial celebration honoring the Franciscans' 100 years of service in our community.

It was Bishop Joseph Schrembs of the Toledo Catholic Diocese who initially requested religious sisters to teach the children of Polish immigrants in Toledo's Catholic Schools. On December 8, 1916, the Sylvania Franciscans were founded as a province of the Sisters of St. Francis in Rochester, Minnesota. The Sisters were stationed at St. Hedwig School in the North End of Toledo and a hub of Polish life in the city. After 89 acres of land was purchased in 1917 through the Rochester community, the Sisters were formally established in Sylvania, Ohio and were known as the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Conception and were led by Mother Adelaide.

In the century that followed, the Sylvania Franciscans branched out from their original call to teach the city's Polish immigrant children to sharing the Franciscan presence in ministries spanning health care, housing, human services and pastoral care in addition to education. The Sisters' work is carried forth in eight states and the country of Haiti with 150 Sisters serving our human family. The Sisters' ministries are founded on the "core values of reverence, service, community, stewardship." The Franciscan Sisters are

called "like Francis of Assisi to live the Gospel in joyful servanthood among all people. The Sisters of St. Francis of Sylvania, Ohio, as messengers of peace, commit themselves to works that reverence human dignity, embrace the poor and marginalized, and respect the gift of all creation." Living Christ's message described in Matthew 25:40 "whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." The Sylvania Sisters of St. Francis come to their centennial year as an integral part of our community. Their imprimatur is seen everywhere, from the beautiful elegiac campus in Sylvania, to the schools, caring services and hospitals in which they minister, and the Sylvania Franciscan Village which was established to integrate the Sisters' ministries.

In addition to traditional ministries, the Sylvania Sisters of St. Francis are leading efforts toward peace and justice and restoring nature. The Sisters note, "We believe that nature, the arts and culture, and the goodness around us nurture our souls and make us sensitive to Mother Earth and her peoples." It is that connection that truly defines the Sisters of St. Francis. A walk on the grounds of the Sisters of St. Francis is to behold the beauty of nature in all of its glory, to hear the silence and to feel God's presence everywhere.

From the barracks and strawberry patch Mother Adelaide and the 22 pioneering Sisters first established, the grounds of the Sisters of St. Francis now feature many buildings in which the Sisters live and work, shrines, grottos, a prayer garden, the Portiuncula Chapel and adjacent Lourdes University. Its mission-style buildings showcase stunning mosaics and works of arts crafted by the Sisters themselves. It is truly an oasis of peace and tranquility.

St. Francis of Assisi said, "Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words." Throughout their one hundred year history the Sylvania Sisters of St. Francis have lived this truth. Their presence and their good works demonstrate Christ's path and God's deep love. As the Sisters go forth toward their next centennial, let us be mindful of the history, but with a vision for the future. Our community gratefully and enthusiastically joins with them to celebrate the life of this vital and cherished congregation that is the Sylvania Sisters of St. Francis.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. BEN RAY LUJÁN

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 542, had I been present, I would have voted NO.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STILLWATER AREA COMMUNITY CENTER

### HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize the 25th Anniversary of

the Stillwater Area Community Center in Stillwater, New York. The Community Center's mission is to improve the quality of life in the Stillwater community.

The Community Center offers programs and activities for children and adults of all ages, which include recreational and physical activities in their popular and well-used gym. Through their before and after school programs, summer swim lessons and transportation options, the Center provides a safe place for all to gather, even during disasters, when it serves as an emergency shelter. The Center is also utilized as a location for public forums, enabling Stillwater residents to be active and informed citizens.

To celebrate their years of service to the community, the Center's 25th Anniversary Open House will be an opportunity for Stillwater residents to participate in a wide range of activities. Since the Center is home to the village and town historians, residents will have the opportunity to learn about the history of Stillwater and the growth of the Community Center over the past 25 years.

Congratulations to the Stillwater Area Community Center as it celebrates its 25th anniversary. I want to wish the Center and the Village of Stillwater continued success in the future.

RECOGNIZING TECHNICAL SERGEANT BONNY WILLIAMS, USAF, RETIRED

### HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Technical Sergeant Bonny Emanuel Williams, USAF, Retired.

Bonny Williams began his military service in 1955 in the United States Air Force as a Logistics Plan Clerk. During his time in the Air Force, Mr. Williams served all over the world on various military assignments. In 1975, after twenty years of exemplary service to our nation, Mr. Williams retired from the Air Force.

After his retirement, Mr. Williams attended City University of Seattle and earned a Bachelor of Science in business management under the Post Vietnam Era Veterans Educational Assistance Program. Mr. Williams was also active in his community and worked tirelessly to serve the veteran's community. He was involved with the American Legion and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) Post for 44 years.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize the life of Technical Sergeant Bonny Emanuel Williams, USAF, Retired and his service to his country and community. His accomplishments and contributions will never be forgotten, and he will be greatly missed.

COMMEMORATING SADDLEBACK COLLEGE ON ITS SCIENCES BUILDING

### HON. MIMI WALTERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself and Representa-

tive DARRELL ISSA, I congratulate Saddleback College on its new Sciences Building, a 52,897 square foot state-of-the-art facility designed to encourage research and innovation.

Under the leadership of Dr. Tod A. Burnett, 23 full-time faculty, 41 part-time faculty, and 11 staff members will support Saddleback's science programs, which include a record enrollment of more than 3,000 students this year.

The building's lobby features an Albert Einstein quote: "We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used to create them." This exemplifies the innovative approach to learning the building will facilitate.

A well-educated, well-trained workforce is essential to keeping the United States competitive on a global stage. Saddleback College's new facility will serve Californians well as the need for employees educated in the STEM fields continues to grow.

We congratulate Saddleback College on its new Sciences Building, and we look forward to seeing its students' contributions to the community.

HONORING BETHEL ASSOCIATION OF UNITED BAPTIST CHURCHES OF JESUS CHRIST CELEBRATING ITS 200TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. JASON SMITH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Bethel Association of United Baptist Churches of Jesus Christ celebrating its 200th anniversary.

A group of settlers to the Missouri Territory organized the first Baptist Church west of the Mississippi on July 19, 1806 near what is now Jackson, Missouri. Ten years later, six churches came together to form the Bethel Association. In 1834, at Pendleton Church in St. Francois County, the Bethel Association accepted the term "United Baptist." The organization has continued to meet every year since its founding—except during the four years of the Civil War. The Bethel Association has established 87 churches throughout Missouri, Illinois, and Arkansas and there have been 250 ordained ministers in the organization to date.

The Bethel Association today is made up of 11 churches and approximately 850 members in the Missouri counties of St. Francois, Madison, Ste. Genevieve, Wayne, Crawford and Iron.

For 200 years of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ, it is my privilege to recognize the Bethel Association of United Baptist Churches today before the United States House of Representatives.

OVERLOOKING AL-QAEDA

### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, back in 2012, the President told the American people that al-Qaeda was "decimated." Two years later, the President touted U.S. success in "taking out terrorists who threaten us" in

places like Somalia and Yemen, both countries with strong and active al-Qaeda branches. Look at those countries now: Somalia's al-Shabaab continues its terror campaign against Somali and AMISOM troops, and Yemen's rebel conflict has breathed new life into al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP).

The problem with this Administration's assertions of success is that they fundamentally misunderstood al-Qaeda's strategy in light of the loud-mouthed tactics of its terrorist spinoff, ISIS. The two terrorist organizations seek the same end goal: the establishment of an Islamic state where only their strict interpretation of Islamic law is tolerated. However, ISIS and al-Qaeda disagree on the means to reach that end. Al-Qaeda's leaders and ideologues, including Osama bin Laden, have always advocated playing the long game: embedding itself in local populations, building relationships, and even allying with enemies and rivals in order to achieve their goals. Winning over the hearts and minds of local Muslim populations has always been the priority for al-Qaeda. ISIS, on the other hand, believes that the establishment of the caliphate is the supreme priority, judging that force—instead of persuasion—can garner the loyalty of local communities.

While ISIS was busy conquering vast swaths of land in Syria and Iraq, al-Qaeda was not simply sitting back and watching dejectedly. It was entrenching itself throughout the Middle East, in Yemen, Syria, Libya and Tunisia. Al-Qaeda leaders, while fundamentally disagreeing with ISIS' establishment of a caliphate on Islamic legal grounds, also criticized what they saw as ISIS overstretching its resources. They were busy readying the grounds for ISIS' inevitable collapse and al-Qaeda's return to the spotlight. Unfortunately, the Administration misunderstands this. While focusing all of our attention on ISIS, we have overlooked al-Qaeda and dismissed it as defeated. This is exactly what al-Qaeda wants: the breathing room to grow stronger along with the optics of appearing more moderate to its extremist Muslim base than ISIS. Once ISIS loses all its territory in Iraq and Syria, as well as its fast shrinking base in Libya, it will be left with nothing but a band of sympathizers and a radical ideology. Al-Qaeda however will have developed deep ties to local communities throughout the region, strengthened its operational capabilities, and emerge more dangerous than ever.

Success against ISIS should only be judged in the context of the global war on terror. Partial success in one battlefield and total failure in another will not be enough to ensure the security of our homeland. We must go after al-Qaeda now more than ever before it is too late.

And that's just the way it is.

TRIBUTE TO MORGAN COUNTY, INDIANA

### HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and salute Morgan County, Indiana, as the Indiana Bicentennial Torch is scheduled to pass through the county on Friday, September 23, 2016.

The county sits on the southern part of Indiana's Fourth Congressional District. It was established in 1822 and named for General Daniel Morgan, who defeated the British at the Battle of Cowpens in the Revolutionary War. The county seat is located in Martinsville, famous in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries for the mineral springs located in the region. Early settlers came predominantly from southern states, including southern Quakers who settled near Mooresville because of their opposition to slavery. The county is famous for being the birthplace of the Indiana State Flag.

In this year of the Hoosier Bicentennial, communities throughout the state are celebrating Indiana's past and present through Bicentennial Legacy Projects. These projects are generally, culturally inclusive, celebratory, engaging and inspiring to youth and young adults and create a legacy for the future. The organizations responsible for the thirteen Legacy Projects throughout the county are: Morgan County Bicentennial Celebration Committee, Morgan County Economic Development Corporation, Mooresville Redevelopment Commission, MSD of Martinsville, Hoosier Hikers Council, Kappa Kappa Kappa, Inc. Delta Iota Chapter, Art Sanctuary of Indiana, Mooresville Public Library, Morgan County Parks and Recreation, Morgan County Soil & Water Conservation District, Delta Theta Tau, Lambda Nu Mooresville Chapter, and the Morgan County Fall Foliage Festival. Hoosiers look forward to their enduring contribution to our state's legacy.

And on this day, Mr. Speaker, in the year in which we are celebrating Indiana's 200th birthday, I am proud to recognize Morgan County for the contribution of its residents to the past, present and future of Indiana's history.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. LUIS V. GUTIÉRREZ

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent in the House chamber for roll call votes on Thursday, September 22, 2016. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on roll call votes 542, 543, 544 and 554. I would have voted "yea" on roll call votes 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 555 and 556.

#### CHINESE PROLIFERATION THREAT

##### HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, as China's economic might has grown over the past 30 years, so too has its military prowess. And while many are concerned about China's aggressive behavior in the South China Sea, we must not forget about the threat they pose to nuclear security.

Since 1987 China has increased its military expenditures fivefold. Their military muscle includes upwards of 260 nuclear warheads and roughly 60 nuclear-capable intercontinental

ballistic missiles (ICBMs), not to mention an upgraded ballistic missile delivery system. China may have joined the IAEA and be party to the Non-Proliferation Treaty, but actions speak louder than words and China has a history of supplying nuclear technology to countries of proliferation concern.

We know that in the past China handed over design instructions, including information on warhead design, and fissile material to assist the Pakistanis in the development of their nuclear weapons. Even more recently it was discovered that Pakistan has a new 2,750km range Shaheen III nuclear ballistic missile that was carried on a 16-wheel transporter erector launcher or TEL for short. Pakistan's Shaheen III TEL is uncannily similar to the ones created by the China Aerospace Science and Industry Corporation and a Chinese provided TEL to North Korea's new KN-08 ICBM. If Pakistan's new TEL was acquired from China this demonstrates a highly concerning level of cooperation between the two governments that could directly threaten U.S. national security. Pakistan alone is a dangerous bedfellow, but if China has thrown its weight behind the government in Islamabad we need to remain on high alert for exchanges of sensitive nuclear information.

To compound this threat to nuclear non-proliferation, China's most infamous client and partner in Communism is its neighbor to the east, North Korea. Pyongyang is estimated to have enough plutonium for a dozen nuclear weapons, and it is thought to be continuously producing highly enriched uranium. North Korea has conducted four nuclear tests and numerous test-fires of ballistic missiles, including intercontinental and submarine-launched missiles. The missile launchers used in these tests were made directly from Chinese designs.

In the aftermath of North Korea's belligerent actions, China never fails to articulate its "disappointment" in its neighbor. But this connection between North Korea's nuclear missile capability and the Chinese government shows that what China says publically is fundamentally at odds with its real goals. China never backs up this "disappointment" with real action knowing full well that China is the only country that wields any sort of influence over the DPRK. China refuses to stringently enforce sanctions aimed at curbing North Korea's nuclear program and since China accounts for 70 percent of North Korea's trade volume, these sanctions have little impact without Beijing's enforcement. When it comes down to it, the Chinese government is essentially allowing a dangerous nuclear state to conduct tests unchecked.

China's danger to the nuclear nonproliferation regime cannot go unnoticed. Given China's emerging military power, we must be even more wary of China's actions in the nuclear field. For the sake of our national security we cannot afford to have the state-run communist country pull the wool over our eyes.

And that's just the way it is.

CONGRATULATING FELIX'S FAMOUS COOKIES ON ITS GRAND OPENING OF THE NEW MUNDELEIN MANUFACTURING FACILITY

##### HON. ROBERT J. DOLD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Felix and Laura Castillo on their grand opening of Felix's Famous Cookies manufacturing facility in Mundelein. As a small business owner myself, I understand the need to always grow and find ways to expand. Laura and Felix did just that.

This family-owned company was founded by six year old Felix Castillo, who shared his mother's passion for baking. It was not until the passing of Grandmother Toni that Felix and Laura were inspired to turn their passion and inspiration into a business.

Felix's Famous Cookies goes beyond maintaining a brand and generating profit. Laura and Felix follow an important family tradition by giving proceeds back to non-profit organizations and to the less fortunate in our local community.

Mr. Speaker, I am incredibly proud to represent Laura and Felix Castillo in the United States Congress. I look forward to working with them as they continue to succeed in their business endeavors and positively impact our community.

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT THE PARTHENON MARBLES SHOULD BE RETURNED TO GREECE

##### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce a Concurrent Resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the Parthenon Marbles, currently held in the British Museum, should be returned to Greece. Approximately 200 years ago, while Greece was under Ottoman rule, the British nobleman Thomas Bruce, seventh Earl of Elgin removed over 100 pieces of sculptures known as the Parthenon Marbles and transported them to the United Kingdom. The Marbles were part of a frieze that adorned the Temple of Athena. In 1816, the British Parliament voted to purchase the Marbles from Lord Elgin and they now reside in the British Museum. The other half of the Marbles that comprise the frieze are in the New Acropolis Museum in Athens alongside plaster replicas of the Marbles that were taken. Despite years of efforts by the Greek Government to retain the Marbles, it has been unable to negotiate an agreement with its British counterparts to return the Marbles to Greece.

I am pleased that Members of the British Parliament have recently introduced legislation to transfer ownership of the Marbles back to Greece and return these cherished artifacts to their rightful home. The Parthenon marbles

are some of Greece's greatest examples of artistic expression and beauty, and should be on display in their country of origin. They are vital pieces of Greek history that belong to the Greek people. This resolution calls upon the two countries to come to an agreement to finally return these treasures to their rightful home.

I want to thank Rep. GUS BILIRAKIS, with whom I co-chair the Congressional Caucus on Hellenic Issues, and Rep. DONALD PAYNE, Jr. for joining me as co-sponsors on this important resolution. Rep. PAYNE's father and our former colleague, the late Rep. Donald Payne Sr., was a great champion in this effort to return the Parthenon Marbles to Greece. I am proud to continue to call for an agreement that will put an end to this centuries-old dispute, and urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

HONORING DR. ROBERT H. SMILEY

### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Dr. Robert Smiley, who for the last 25 years has conducted a Wine Industry Financial Survey and presented his findings at the Wine Industry Financial Symposium.

Dr. Smiley began his academic career at the University of California, Los Angeles where he earned his Bachelor of Science in 1966 and his Master of Science in 1969. He went on to Stanford University to complete his Doctor of Philosophy in Economics in 1973, and then joined Cornell University's Johnson Graduate School of Management as a Professor of Economics and Policy.

Dr. Smiley returned to California to become Dean of the Graduate School of Management at the University of California, Davis in 1989. After serving for 20 years, he became the Director of the Wine Industry Program and Dean and Professor of Management Emeritus. In addition to teaching, Dr. Smiley has contributed to the economics field with research covering market competition, industry regulation and organization, and the wine industry.

Dr. Smiley enthusiastically volunteered to present research and strategic analysis at the annual Wine Industry Financial Symposium in 1992. For the past 25 years, he has conducted a survey of wine community leaders to assess the industry financial and economic status, and his speeches have become a cornerstone of the Symposium. Dr. Smiley has become a true "guru" on wine economics and generously shares his knowledge and enthusiasm for our wine community's future.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. Smiley has dedicated his time and expertise to improving our wine community's potential through research and education for 25 years. It is therefore fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

RECOGNIZING DR. CLAYTON  
LAWRENCE

### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Clayton Lawrence for his philanthropic leadership throughout Washington D.C. and across our nation.

After receiving a United States Army scholarship to attend the University of Michigan Medical School in Ann Arbor in 1991, Dr. Lawrence began a medical career that has led him to being recognized as a leader in the District's medical community. Dr. Lawrence has worked in the Pentagon Clinic as a flight surgeon and is a distinguished veteran with international work experience, including successful deployments to the Middle East, Central America, Europe, and Asia, providing direct medical support for a variety of U.S. peace-keeping operations abroad. In all, Dr. Lawrence has accumulated more than 20 years of experience in surgery, family, and emergency medicine.

In 2009, Dr. Lawrence established LEAP Foundation DC with a guiding mission to provide underserved citizens in the greater Washington D.C. area with health and wellness educational opportunities and programs. Driven further by a sense of urgency to help mentor and build the next generation of leaders, the foundation has been engaged in providing financial support, scholarships, and fellowships for high-achieving students from low socioeconomic backgrounds to pursue post-secondary education.

LEAP Foundation DC has also participated in many activities with our office, including the Congressional Art Competition, Senior Legislative Day and Covenant House's annual Christmas Party on the Hill for Disadvantaged Youth. Since its inception, LEAP Foundation DC has contributed approximately a quarter of a million dollars to philanthropic work. In the last three years alone, LEAP Foundation DC employees have donated more than 6,000 volunteer hours and more than \$75,000 in donations and scholarships to individuals and charities around the nation. In 2014, LEAP Foundation DC was awarded its first prestigious award, the Non-Profit award by the Greater Washington Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Furthermore, since 2011, in his passion for endurance sports, Dr. Lawrence, on behalf of LEAP Foundation DC, has participated in over 80 marathons and run more than 10,000 miles to bring awareness to the following organizations: American Cancer Society, St. Jude Foundation, American Red Cross, Crohn's and Colitis Foundation, Inheritance of Hope Foundation, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Semper Fi Fund, Demand Cures and Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Dr. Clayton Lawrence, through his leadership as CEO of Lawrence Executive Alliance of Professionals (LEAP), LLC, has also been recognized as an outstanding community leader as the DC Chamber of Commerce's 2015 recipient of the Small Business Person of the Year Award. Since its inception in 2007, LEAP, LLC, has helped create jobs, impacting the national economy and representing job growth in 11 different states. Dr. Lawrence was also recognized as the 2014 Washington

Business Journal's Minority Business Leader Award Winner and the 2015 Valedictorian of the Small Business Administration's Emerging Leaders Initiative.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Lawrence, who has made an indelible impact on the lives of D.C. citizens through his charitable, civic, and guiding servant leadership.

RECOGNIZING JANE ORANS

### HON. NITA M. LOWEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Jane Orans, who is being honored by Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic for her work on behalf of women and children throughout Westchester County, New York, and the Hudson River Valley.

Jane has dedicated herself to advocating on behalf of women's health so that every woman has the right to determine her own healthy timing and spacing of pregnancy. It is for this reason that she has been so involved in Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic. Her tireless work with the organization has helped empower women, men and young people to determine their own reproductive rights and futures.

In addition to her work with Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic, Jane has spent much of her life educating children. She was a nursery school teacher and for fourteen years was a member of the Mamaroneck, New York School Board. In this capacity, she has worked hard to ensure children have the necessary support to become healthy, successful adults.

Mr. Speaker, Jane's tireless advocacy on behalf of women's health is an inspiration to us all, and I urge my colleagues to join me in applauding her work and her recognition by Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic.

THE FOUNDER OF THE "LUNG  
CANCER MOVEMENT"

### HON. RICHARD M. NOLAN

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Mr. NOLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sheila Ross, a two-time lung cancer survivor who has devoted her entire career to public service and advancing better outcomes for those affected by lung cancer.

I wish to pay special tribute to Sheila in light of her pending retirement at the end of the 114th Congress from the Lung Cancer Alliance, a non-profit guided by Sheila's unstoppable and indefatigable force to support anyone diagnosed with lung cancer. The organization provides patients with information and guidance and advocates for advanced life-saving research for the lung cancer community.

It has been said that Sheila is the founder of the "lung cancer movement," the first advocate ever to elevate her voice and walk the halls of Congress to bring attention to a public health imperative and to demand a more coordinated and compassionate response to the leading cause of cancer death.



After her initial cancer diagnosis in 1999 and then again in 2000, Sheila quickly grasped that public health policy must be linked to science. With the sheer force of will and survivorship, Sheila set in motion actions that history will look back upon as seminal moments in the battle to end lung cancer as we know it.

Sheila's strategic expertise developed from 20 years of legislative and management experience on Capitol Hill as a Chief of Staff in both House and the Senate offices for Democrats and Republicans.

After her career in Congress she spearheaded the creation of Lung Cancer Alliance, which today stands as the highest-rated and only national non-profit organization devoted entirely to supporting the lung cancer community and elevating awareness, changing health policy and advancing research.

The group has been an invaluable partner ever since my colleagues FRANK LOBIONDO, LOIS CAPPS and I created the first-ever Lung Cancer Caucus. While at the Alliance, Sheila can be credited with organizing the first-ever bipartisan and bicameral resolutions focusing on lung cancer, as well as the original Lung Cancer Mortality Reduction Act, requiring the National Cancer Institute (NCI) to give increased focus and funding to lung cancer early detection and research.

Additionally, Sheila worked to establish the first and only dedicated lung cancer research pipeline within the Department of Defense Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program, she urged the Department of Veterans Affairs to swiftly implement a national screening program, expanded access to low dose CT scanning which detects lung cancer early on, and monitored NCI's National Lung Screening Trial which concluded ahead of schedule when the trial's goal was achieved earlier than expected. She also worked to secure Medicare coverage for CT screening for seniors and the disabled and established the only patient-powered CT scan donation program, Give A Scan, that allows those impacted to contribute directly to research.

Sheila's contributions to better the lives of those living with and at risk for lung cancer will forever be remembered. When the defeat of lung cancer finally enters the annals of history—and it will—Sheila Ross's fearless advocacy will be included in the early pages of that historical document.

I want to thank Sheila Ross and wish her all the best in a well-deserved retirement.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, on September 22, 2016, I was not present for roll call vote 545. If I had been present for this vote, I would have voted: Aye on roll call vote 545.

### RECOGNIZING BILL AND PAULA CLAPP, RECIPIENTS OF THE GLOBAL LEADERS AWARD

### HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Bill and Paula Clapp as they are honored with the Inspiring Global Leaders Award from the Washington Office of Latin America (WOLA). This award is given in recognition of their years of indispensable leadership on global development and philanthropy for the past quarter century.

Bill Clapp, an accomplished Seattle businessperson with more than thirty years of experience running a variety of companies in the Pacific Northwest, Alaska, and Hawaii, decided in the 1990s that he wanted to do more to make an impact globally. This decision resulted in the foundation of a series of impactful organizations that Bill and Paula Clapp had a hand in creating. Bill has served as President and Co-Founder of the Seattle International Foundation, a preeminent non-government organization (NGO) focused on poverty reduction and women's empowerment in Central America.

Bill and Paula Clapp co-founded another NGO, Global Partnerships, in 1994 after witnessing the need for targeted and sustainable investments in Central America. Since 2001, Global Partnerships has impacted 3.3 million lives in thirteen countries in Latin America and the Caribbean through its unique social enterprise model. In 2015 alone, the organization invested \$35.7 million to deliver economic opportunities to over 600,000 individuals. Global Partnerships continues to be the largest micro-financing organization for Latin America in Seattle.

Bill and Paula also helped to create Global Washington in 2008, a consortium of NGOs that promotes and supports its members who are working to reduce poverty and disease, increase access to health care and education, protect the environment, and strengthen economies. Global Washington is the only organization in Washington state that builds networks between private companies and non-profits working in global development, leading to partnerships that result in innovative, impactful projects around the world.

Following Bill Clapp's retirement from Matthew G. Norton Co. in 2002, he co-founded the Initiative for Global Development. In addition to serving on the boards of Weyerhaeuser and Alaska Airlines, he has also served on several community and nonprofit boards, and has been actively involved as an early investor in micro-finance development. Bill has also served on many industry panels and advisory committees, speaking widely on development issues around the world and in Congress.

Paula Clapp has been an active leader throughout the years, as well. She played a central role in the creation of an acclaimed documentary film "SOLD" which raised awareness about sex trafficking. She and a group of Seattle women co-founded Stolen-Youth, a non-profit organization that raises awareness and funds to help rescue and recover local youth who are forced into prostitution. Paula was also a founding member of the Washington Women's Foundation and has served

on the boards of the Make A Wish Foundation, One World Now, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. In 2014, Paula received the Unsung Heroes of Compassion award from His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

Throughout the past twenty-four years, Bill and Paula Clapp have remained steadfast in their belief that international development serves our national interests and improves all aspects of our society. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize and congratulate Bill and Paula Clapp for their contributions and leadership in the global development sector, and the impact they have made in the lives of countless individuals and families around the world for over twenty-four years.

### TRIBUTE TO HELEN AND CARL BRANDENBURG

### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Helen and Carl Brandenburg of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They celebrated their anniversary—and Carl's 80th birthday—on August 26, 2016.

Helen and Carl's lifelong commitment to each other and their children and grandchildren truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

### CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ATLANTA VOICE

### HON. DAVID SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the renowned, award-winning Atlanta Voice newspaper. Founded in 1966 by J. Lowell Ware and Ed Clayton, the Atlanta Voice has provided an enduring channel for news in Atlanta's African-American community.

The Atlanta Voice's Founder and Publisher J. Lowell Ware was a native Georgian who developed an interest in journalism in high school when he took a part-time job at the Birmingham Alabama Mirror. He later earned a B.A. in printing and journalism from Alabama A&M University and completed a tour with the U.S. Army before returning back to Atlanta to launch a weekly newspaper with journalist Ed Clayton.

Ware and Clayton started the Atlanta Voice to provide fair and credible coverage of the Civil Rights Movement, which was heating up in the South with increasing student sit-ins and activities of the Southern Christian Leadership



Council. Under the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, members of the press should enjoy protected rights to publish information and opinions without interference or reprisal from the American government. The Atlanta Voice was founded at a time, however, when these rights were not universally shared. The newspaper's African-American publishers faced threats to their lives and property simply for exercising their First Amendment rights to provide accurate coverage of the Movement. Ware recounted years later, "We got a lot of threats, but we didn't stop publishing."

Living by their motto, "A People Without a Voice Cannot Be Heard," the Atlanta Voice has endured and recorded 50 historic years of social, political and economic changes in the African-American community in Atlanta. And the Atlanta Voice continues to serve, with courage and integrity, as a beacon of journalistic hope for the entire African-American community, regardless of age, income or socioeconomic status.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the Atlanta Voice on this momentous anniversary. I rise today to celebrate a newspaper that has been an informative news source for so many Georgians, and I ask my colleagues to join me in commemorating the newspaper's 50th anniversary and continued service to the Greater Atlanta community.

#### TRIBUTE TO DOROTHY AND CHUCK BURNETT

##### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Dorothy and Chuck Burnett of Atlantic, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married on July 29, 1956 at Noble Center Church in Lyman, Iowa.

Dorothy and Chuck's lifelong commitment to each other and their children, Scott, Lynn, and Brian, five grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, truly embodies Iowa values. As they reflect on their 60th anniversary, may their commitment grow even stronger, as they continue to love, cherish, and honor one another for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I commend this great couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF MR. LUTHER ALMER "JACK" BEARDEN

##### HON. ERIC A. "RICK" CRAWFORD

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize the 100th birthday of Mr. Luther Almer "Jack" Bearden, who was born on September 8, 1916. The youngest child of Charles Luther and Addie Mae Wallace Bearden, Luther Almer became "Jack" as a young boy when

he took water to the cotton fields as a "water jack." The name has stuck with him for almost a century.

Born in Boydsville, Arkansas, Jack grew up during the Great Depression chopping and picking cotton by hand. By the age of 16, Jack would surrender his life to Christ, changing the course of his life forever. Four years later, he met 16-year-old Martha Geneva Bateman, whom would become his wife of 75 years. Throughout the many years of their marriage, they would serve God in church, visiting the sick, Women's Associations, and Men's Brotherhood events. In 1942, Jack gave his first sermon, "Ye Must Be Born Again" from John 3:7 at Boydsville Baptist Church. In his 73 years as a preacher, Jack started five mission churches and pastored 25 churches in Northeast Arkansas and Missouri.

To support his family while pastoring, Jack held a multitude of occupations throughout his life. He was a cistern digger, carpenter, cotton picker, cotton chopper, song leader, pianist, and temporarily ran a store. He is an inspiration to all those who have the opportunity to meet him. Jack and his late wife Geneva were blessed with three daughters, one of whom passed away at birth, and a son who passed on to heaven in 1998. They were also blessed with 10 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and 5 great-great grandchildren.

I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the lifetime of achievements of Mr. Bearden and to wish him all the very best.

#### TRIBUTE TO LORRAINE GALVANI

##### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ms. Lorraine Galvani of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on the celebration of her 100th birthday.

Our world has changed a great deal during the course of Lorraine's life. Since her birth, we have revolutionized air travel and walked on the moon. We have invented the television, cellular phones and the internet. We have fought in wars overseas, seen the rise and fall of Soviet communism and witnessed the birth of new democracies. Lorraine has lived through seventeen United States Presidents and twenty-four Governors of Iowa. In her lifetime, the population of the United States has more than tripled.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Lorraine in the United States Congress and it is my pleasure to wish her a very happy 100th birthday. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Lorraine on reaching this incredible milestone, and wishing her even more health and happiness in the years to come.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SPRINGFIELD BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

##### HON. RICHARD E. NEAL

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the Boys & Girls Club of Springfield, Massachusetts as they celebrate their 125th anniversary.

The Boys & Girls Clubs of America is an outstanding organization founded to provide after school programs to children, especially in areas most in need. The Springfield Boys & Girls Club opened its doors in 1891 with a mission to provide a safe environment and the resources for the children of Springfield. Their ultimate goal has always been to ensure that these children become respectful members of society. Springfield has changed a great deal since the Boys & Girls Club opened. Through all of the changes and challenges in the community, the Boys & Girls Club has remained a place where kids can gain confidence and make friends where otherwise they couldn't. Today, the Boys & Girls Club offers a wide variety of opportunities such as swim lessons, math-and-literacy tutoring, digital art lessons, and many more. They provide all of these services with the lowest membership rates in Massachusetts for after school programs. They have even started to have programs and events on Saturdays.

Mr. Speaker, throughout my tenure as Springfield's mayor and representing Springfield in Congress for the past 28 years, I have seen firsthand what the Boys & Girls Club has accomplished for the community. With the continued support of its many benefactors as well as the support of the federal and state governments, I am sure that they will continue to contribute to children's lives for generations to come. Congratulations to the Springfield Boys & Girls Club on reaching this momentous milestone and I wish them all the best with their future endeavors.

#### TRIBUTE TO JEANNINE LILJEDAHL

##### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and congratulate Jeannine Liljedahl of Essex, Iowa, for being recognized as the Grand Marshal of the 2016 Essex Labor Day parade. Jeannine received this honor for her years of service to the Essex community.

Jeannine has a long history of community involvement. She is a member of the Fremont Lutheran Church, Essex Community Club, Lied Public Library in Essex, Southview Village/Low Rent Housing Committee, Essex Study and Service Club, Greater Shenandoah Historical Society, P.E.O., Rotary Club, Book Club, Shenandoah Medical Center Foundation, and the Page County Magistrate Commission.

In 1998, Jeannine helped create the Little Red Wagon Food Delivery Service in Essex. This program was designed to keep people in

their homes with a hot meal and to support Red's Restaurant in Essex. Little Red Wagon provided nearly 2,000 meals in 2015 alone.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Jeannine for the dedicated service she provides to the citizens of Essex and Page County, Iowa. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating Jeannine and wishing her nothing but continued success.

#### RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF RICHARD ALLEN

#### HON. MARK DESAULNIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Richard "Dick" Allen.

Dick dedicated his life to educating and empowering California's youth. Through his 41 years of service as a teacher, principal, and district administrator, Dick touched the lives of thousands of students through his leadership and deep affection for his students.

As you may know, Dick spent the first decade of his career in the classroom, followed by a transition to the administrative team where he rose from Vice Principal to Director of Elementary Education and ultimately retired in 1997 as the Director of Continuing Education.

After retiring, Dick was elected to the Board of Education to continue his dedication to public service.

Included among his many accomplishments in service to the Bay Area are graduating 2,298 students, opening technology centers, expanding tutoring and mentoring services. He also helped implement a classroom for a language lab, fought to replace playground equipment, and began districtwide training in emergency preparation and crisis management. During his tenure, Walnut Acres Elementary was named a Federal No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School, the Board of Education received a California Council for Adult Education's "Friend of Education" award, and improved test scores at almost all grade levels.

In addition to his role in our schools, Dick was a District Delegate to the California School Board Association, a Chair-elect of the Concord Chamber of Commerce, a Court Appointed Special Advocate on the Board of Directors, and a foster child educational advocate.

Dick's long and decorated career is a testament to his values and dedication to education. I am saddened to hear of his passing, but his legacy will live on in Contra Costa County.

#### TRIBUTE TO IDA MEHLMANN

#### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Ida Mehlmann of Griswold, Iowa, on the celebration of her 100th birthday on September 4, 2016. Ida celebrates this special day with her

twin brother, Ira Spieker, who lives in Michigan.

Ida resides at the Griswold Care Center in Griswold, Iowa, and enjoys embroidering and working on puzzles. Ida tells her friends of her simple philosophy: she takes life day by day and tends to do whatever she wants to do. Ida and her late husband, LeRoy, were married on March 8, 1939 at the Atlantic Methodist Church parsonage. They had six children including twin daughters. Ida was born and raised on a farm, helped with the daily chores of farm life growing up, and later married a farmer. She said she has seen many changes throughout her life, but the biggest change was having access to electricity. Ida is also known for her baking skills and her famous sour cream raisin pie. Her talent in the kitchen has given her the reputation as one of the best pie makers in southwest Iowa.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored and pleased to congratulate Ida Mehlmann on her 100th birthday. I ask that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in congratulating Ida on this incredible milestone and wishing her even more health and happiness in the years to come.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF ATHENA INTERNATIONAL

#### HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 35th anniversary of Athena International. Athena International strives to create balance in leadership worldwide by seeking to encourage, educate, and support our next generation of female leaders. Its roots trace back to Michigan where it began as a local program, and it has grown into a global movement, serving to inspire female leaders both domestically and throughout the globe.

Founded in 1982 by Martha Mertz, Athena International began as a small non-profit organization in Lansing, Michigan. Recognizing a need for stronger female leadership in her business community, Mertz launched the Athena Award program. This award would go to individuals who not only excelled at their professions, but who also gave back to their communities and helped motivate others in their communities to lead, particularly women.

Additionally, the organization developed the Athena Leadership Model, a program seeking to best prepare women to be successful leaders. This model identifies eight distinct attributes for women in leadership: Authentic Self, Relationships, Giving Back, Collaboration, Courageous Acts, Learning, Fierce Advocacy, Celebration and Joy. These personal traits are intuitive for women, and when paired with traditional leadership characteristics, prepare them to become leaders.

Martha Mertz's vision has become a global movement. There have now been over 7,000 recipients of the Athena Award, with these awards presented in 500 communities throughout 8 countries. The organization continues to provide awards to individuals who empower women and best position them to become our future leaders, and provides an

annual leadership forum and luncheon for female leaders to make meaningful connections with one another.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to celebrate the 35th anniversary of the Athena International Organization. Their commitment to preparing our future leaders deserves praise, and we wish them many more years of success and prosperity.

#### TRIBUTE TO OAKLAND MANOR

#### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Oakland Manor of Oakland, Iowa, for its 50 years of service in providing high-quality healthcare in Oakland and southwest Iowa.

Oakland Manor was established in 1966 and offers skilled nursing care and assisted living to its resident community. The facility also offers a special ventilator unit and provides continuum of care with a dedicated staff and medical team. The Oakland Manor staff is committed to helping their residents live a quality life every day.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Oakland Manor and its staff for reaching this milestone in dedicated and devoted service to Oakland and southwest Iowa. Their highly skilled team makes a difference by helping and serving others. It is with great honor that I recognize Oakland Manor today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating them and in wishing the entire staff nothing but continued success.

#### TRIBUTE TO GARY HERRICK

#### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Gary Herrick of Van Meter, Iowa, for his 40 years of service to the Van Meter Fire Department.

Mr. Herrick recently retired from the department after four decades of service to the community of Van Meter. Throughout his tenure he has held every rank in the department, including chief, and has been an invaluable source of information for all other members of the fire department. His vast experience not only helped train fellow firefighters on how to best fight fires and rescue people, but also how to show compassion to victims, and how to interact with the community. Current Fire Chief Jon Bruen told the Dallas County News that Mr. Herrick has been a mentor to him during his years on the department.

Now retired, Mr. Herrick will continue his service by working to construct buildings with World Mission Builders, a mission which has built over 230 churches and related buildings in 88 countries. Even still, he plans to be only a phone call away if the Van Meter Fire Department should have any questions.

Mr. Speaker, I commend Gary for his forty years of service to his community. I urge my

colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating him and wishing him nothing but continued success.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD  
VORTHMANN

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Richard Vorthmann of Treynor, Iowa, for his selection as Iowan of the Day at the 2016 Iowa State Fair. Richard's recognition day was August 16, 2016. Richard received this honor because of his many years of service in the Treynor community. This award is given by the Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation and recognizes Iowa's most outstanding citizens, who demonstrate the Iowa values of dependability, integrity, hard work, and sense of community.

Richard Vorthmann is described as "a pillar of the Treynor community." He has served for 35 years as a township trustee, clerk, and fair board member, and 25 years as a 4-H leader and member of the Treynor school re-organization committee. He helped build the first tanker truck for the volunteer fire department, and is very active in his church. Richard is best known for his work with the Treynor Optimist Club, where he oversees the Treynor Can Kennel, a redemption center for cans that helps raise money for local youth groups, raising over \$135,000 for community projects.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Richard Vorthmann for receiving this well-deserved recognition. He is a shining example of how hard work, determination, and dedication can affect the future of so many. It is with great honor that I recognize him today. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in recognizing Richard's accomplishments and service to his community. I wish him nothing but continued success.

TRIBUTE TO CHERYL WESSELS

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Cheryl Wessels of Anita, Iowa, for her recognition as Iowan of the Day at the 2016 Iowa State Fair. Cheryl received this honor because she has

made a difference in the lives of others while demonstrating the Iowa values of dependability, integrity, hard work, and sense of community. This award is given by the Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation to recognize Iowa's most outstanding citizens. Cheryl's day of recognition was held on August 13, 2016.

Cheryl plays an active role in her community. Her service includes serving on the library board, church treasury, P.E.O. and Cass County Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. Cheryl Wessels is most noted for her passion for the Little Dresses for Africa program. The 3,000 dresses she makes are distributed in Africa to orphanages, churches, and schools, to provide relief to children in Africa and around the world.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate Cheryl Wessels for earning this award. She is a shining example of how hard work, determination, and dedication can affect the future of so many. It is with great honor that I recognize her today. I know that my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives join me in recognizing her accomplishments and her service to her community. I wish her nothing but continued success in her future endeavors.

TRIBUTE TO KEN WEST

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 26, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ken West, of Perry, IA, for his quick thinking and heroic actions that saved a man's life.

Mr. West was eating lunch at the Hy-Vee in Perry on July 14, 2016 when he noticed that a store employee had started to choke. Mr. West jumped into action, performing the Heimlich maneuver which removed the obstruction. He told the Dallas County News that he was trained in the life-saving procedure "a long time ago" but that it was the first time he has ever needed to perform it. His father served as an ambulance emergency medical technician and fire chief when Mr. West was a young man. He credits watching his father perform similar work and said his father was the source of that instinct to rush to the rescue.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent Mr. West and Iowans like him. I encourage every American to learn such life-saving procedures in case we should find ourselves in a similar situation. I urge my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring Ken for his exemplary actions.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, September 27, 2016 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

SEPTEMBER 28

10 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations  
Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific,  
and International Cybersecurity Policy  
To hold hearings to examine the per-  
sistent threat of North Korea and de-  
veloping an effective United States re-  
sponse.

SD-419

Committee on the Judiciary  
Subcommittee on Immigration and the Na-  
tional Interest

To hold an oversight hearing to examine  
the Administration's fiscal year 2017  
refugee resettlement program.

SD-226

2:30 p.m.

Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine an assess-  
ment of the economic recovery.

SH-216

SEPTEMBER 29

10 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations  
To hold hearings to examine the regional  
impact of the Syria conflict, focusing  
on Syria, Turkey, and Iraq.

SD-419

Committee on Homeland Security and  
Governmental Affairs  
Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and  
Federal Management

To hold hearings to examine under-  
standing the Millennial perspective in  
deciding to pursue and remain in Fed-  
eral employment.

SD-342